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SUBJ: DRAFT REPORT TO NATO MINISTERS ON MEDITERRANEAN (MED
REPORT): THE OIL SECTOR

REF: STATE 245103 NOV. 19, 1974

1. THE AD HOC GROUP WHICH MEETS SEMIANNUALLY TO DRAFT THE MED
REPORT PRIOR TO EACH NAC MINISTERIAL WILL NEXT CONVENE APRIL
22-25. NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) IS IN THE PROCESS OF
RESEARCHING AND COMPILING MATERIAL FOR A FIRST DRAFT OF THE
REPORT WHICH WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THE AD HOC GROUP. DEPARTMENT
WILL RECALL (REFTEL) CONSIDERABLE WEAKNESSES AND LACK OF FOCUS
FOUND IN ECON/OIL SECTION OF IS FIRST DRAFT OF THE PREVIOUS MED
REPORT LAST NOVEMBER. FULLY AWARE OF ITS LACK OF RESOURCES
NECESSARY TO DO A COMPETENT JOB ON THE IMPORTANT ECON/OIL SECTION
OF THE DRAFT, IS HAS ASKED MISSION IF U.S. COULD FURNISH MATERIAL
WHICH WOULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR FIRST DRAFT OF THIS PART OF THE
REPORT.

2. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE IN U.S. INTEREST TO
COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST. BECAUSE OF COMPLEXITY THE MEDITERRANEAN/
MIDDLE EAST OIL SITUATION AND IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES
OF THE NATO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE, WE CAN EXPECT NO IMPROVEMENT
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ON LAST AUTUMN'S INADEQUATE FIRST CUT AT THE MED REPORT ECON/OIL
SECTION WITHOUT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. WE SUSPECT THAT A CONCISE,
SHARPLY FOCUSED U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO FIRST DRAFT OF THIS SECTION
WILL RESULT IN LESS WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND THE MISSION THAN

WOULD BE THE CASE IF, AS FOR EXAMPLE LAST YEAR, WE HAVE TO STRUGGLE TO RECAST A LONG, RAMBLING, DISTORTED NATO/IS-PRODUCED FIRST DRAFT. MISSION BELIEVES AD HOC GROUP SHOULD ATTEMPT, MORE SO THAN IN THE PAST, TO CONFINE THE MED REPORT TO AN APPRAISAL OF THE QUESTION OF SOVIET PENETRATION INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA. THE ECON/OIL SECTION THEREFORE NEED NOT PRESENT A WORLDWIDE OIL PICTURE BUT RATHER ONLY THOSE ASPECTS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THE STUDY OF THE MED AREA FROM THE SOVIET PENETRATION POINT OF VIEW. AS FIRST DRAFT OF THE MED REPORT MUST BE CIRCULATED BEFORE THE END OF MARCH, INPUT IS REQUIRED BEFORE MARCH 15.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INPUT BY MARCH 14. BRUCE

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